

Mrk61 – Does The Cross Draw You? – Mark 15:33-39

Last week our msg was “Does The Cross Move You?”

& we asked – “Are we MOVED” by the King of Heaven

being SUBJECTED to EVERY TYPE of CRUELTY
that our Sin Nature could Muster

& then finally – Being brutally Nailed to the Cross
between two thieves

& ALL that – was BEFORE THIS Final Moment

When Jesus would experience something
Immeasurably more agonizing-

Today we see The moment - when Jesus takes
the Sin of the World upon himself – in FULL Measure

& then experiences the full CONSEQUENCES
Of OUR Sin – in OUR Place

We saw ONE LEVEL of the HORROR Jesus experienced last week
& we asked – “Does The Cross MOVE You”

Today we see an immeasurably greater HORROR
Jesus experienced on OUR behalf - & we ask

Does the Cross DRAW You?

Let's Pray

We ended last week with Jesus on the Cross –
the People Mocking him from the ground

& ONE of the two Thieves
Mocking Jesus From ONE Cross

While the Thief on the OTHER Cross

Was putting His Faith in Jesus
& Receiving a Promise of Eternal Life

& so, we pick it up today – with the final events
of the Full Agony Jesus experienced

in order to pay - the full penalty – for OUR sins

It starts in Mark 15:33 (NLT)

33 At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.

At NOON – with the Sun at its Brightest

Suddenly DARKNESS engulfs
the Entire Land – for THREE hours

This was NO Solar Eclipse

This was NO Windstorm

This was the Hand of GOD – Covering the Land of Israel
with the Darkness of OUR Sin

IN THE EXODUS – a plague of darkness covered the land
just before the VERY FIRST Passover Lamb was slain

& now – just before the Ultimate & Once-&-For-All
Passover Lamb is slain

Darkness again covers the land

& in the Mid-Day Darkness - the Judgment of God for OUR sins
is CRUSHING Jesus on the Cross

For THREE hours in that Darkness – the Sin of the World
was poured out onto Jesus Christ

Your Sin - & My Sin
was poured out onto the Son of God

1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)

24 He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The LIVING Bible says here (2 Cor 5:21):

For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!

Jesus Christ BECAME – YOUR Sin - & MY Sin

SIN - Piled on SIN - Piled on SIN

**All Poured Out – Onto Jesus Christ
in THREE hours of Darkness on the Cross**

Galatians 3:13 (NLT)

13 But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing . . .

***Does this image – of the Full Judgment of God
falling on Jesus – for 3 hours of Darkness***

***Does it REPEL you FROM the Cross?
or Does it DRAW you TO the Cross?***

***I've SEEN people REPELLED by the Cross
even saying that a God of LOVE wouldn't do such a thing***

But that is UNBIBLICAL and HUMANISTIC thinking

God IS - the God of Supreme & Unconditional love

& the Cross is PROOF - of the DEPTH of his Supreme Love

***On the Cross - Jesus TOOK the Full Penalty for Our Sin
so WE can Receive – The Free Gift of Eternal Life - in Him***

THAT IS the God – of True – Supreme – Unconditional Love

& so – after the THREE Most Horrific Hours in Human History

Mark 15:34 (NLT)

34 Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Jesus had the Sin of the World

Poured out on him for THREE Dark Hours

& he **bore it all** - in **SILENCE**

So – What caused this Agonizing CRY from the Son of God ?

**It was the Ultimate Terror – Jesus faced on OUR behalf
so we would never have to face it**

Taking On the Darkness of our Sin

**Jesus was SEPARATED COMPLETELY
from the Presence of God the Father**

1 John 1:5 (NLT)

5 . . . God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.

**The one who knew NO Darkness
BECAME OUR Darkness**

& **When he did - Jesus experienced
True Separation from God**

Which is - the **Full Penalty for our sin**

NO ONE in **THIS Life** – On **THIS Earth**

can **FEEL** the **Terror** of being **Completely Separated** from **God**

Because Even the most **Determined Unbelievers** – **live** in a
Measure of **God's Grace** & **God's Presence** on this earth

This – **Separation** from **God** – **caused Jesus** to **sweat** – what
seemed like “**Great Drops of Blood**” in the **Garden** of Gethsemane

THIS was the **moment** – of His **Deepest Agony & Terror**

& **when** he **cried out** - the most **heart-breaking**
of all the **sayings** on **the Cross**

“***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***”

IF God the **Father** could have **answered Jesus** –
He **would have** said – “**For Dave**”

The Father would **have said** to the **Son**

“I am **Forsaking** you – **For Dave**”

“I am **Abandoning** you – **For Dave**”

“I have **poured ALL** of **DAVE'S sin** upon **you**

& **you** are **Paying** the **Full Penalty** of **being separated** from me
so that DAVE - will **never have to be**

This is Jesus – Drinking the full & final cup

of the Full Judgment of God
upon MY SIN - & YOURS

Does this idea – of the JUDGEMENT of God upon our Sin

REPEL you FROM the Cross?

OR – Does this idea of The Reality of
God’s Judgment upon our Sin

DRAW you TO the cross?

Knowing the Truth – that Jesus Christ
PAYING for OUR sins – on the Cross

Was the ONLY WAY that you & I
could EVER stand in the Presence of God

Cont’g – in Mark 15:35-36 (NLT)

35 Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. (mistaking the “Eloi” cry)

36 One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. “Wait!” he said. “Let’s see whether Elijah comes to take him down!”

But – The Gospel of John tells us that ultimately

someone DID give Jesus
this type of wine the Roman Soldiers carried

& Jesus NEEDED just that bit of liquid
because he still had TWO “Final Statements” to make

We find the 1st one in - John 19:30 (NLT)
30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, (TETELESTAI!) “It is finished!” . . .

TETELESTAI is an Accounting Word
that was Stamped on a Debt – When that Debt was Paid in Full

& Jesus is saying – At THIS moment
YOUR DEBT – is being PAID IN FULL

& then – the Last Statement from the Cross

We find in - Luke 23:46 (NLT)
46 Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” . . .

Jesus is IN COMPLETE CONTROL here

This is NOT happening TO JESUS
This is what JESUS is doing – FOR YOU

Jesus is NOT Being a VICTIM Here

Jesus is Being A SAVIOR Here

& when Jesus cried “IT IS FINISHED”

He meant – HIS SACRIFICE

For **YOUR Salvation** - was **FINISHED**

& then **HE confidently yielded up** his **spirit** to the **Father**

Guys - WHEN you **BEGIN to Grasp**
what **Jesus truly did** for **you here**

It's **GOT** to - **Draw You TO The Cross**

Mark Summarizes this **final moment** in

Mark 15:37 (NLT)

***37 Then Jesus uttered another loud cry (that we just saw) and
breathed his last.***

& **Then – Immediately**

God Teaches us **TWO MORE - Life Changing Lessons**

In **TWO MORE - Miraculous Events**

BOTH occurring - the MOMENT that Jesus

FINISHED his Work of **Salvation**

& **YIELDED** up His **Spirit** to God

Mark 15:38 (NLT) mentions the First One

But – **LET'S FLIP OVER** to **MATTHEW**

& **get BOTH** these **events together**

The 1st one is in Matthew 27:51(a) (NLT)

51 At that moment (of Jesus' death) the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom . . .

**This was the 30 foot HIGH - 4 inch THICK Veil (curtain)
that separated the Holy of Holies from the People**

**Because the Holy of Holies was where
the Presence of God dwelt (Shekinah Glory)**

& ONLY the High Priest could go into this most holy place

& ONLY once a year

& ONLY after a ton of preparation

But now – **Suddenly** – this **4 inch thick** – **30 ft High curtain**
was **SLASHED** in **two** – **From ABOVE**

Like a **GIANT SWORD** fell from **Heaven**

**This is God - DRAMATICALLY ANNOUNCING
that the WAY into His presence - is Now WIDE-OPEN**

to **anyone** who **comes** – **thru FAITH** in the **Work**
that **Jesus** had **Just Accomplished** on **the Cross**

Hebrews 10:19–20 (NLT)

***19 And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter
heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.***

***20 By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through
the curtain (this veil) into the Most Holy Place.***

**THIS is what Jesus was doing – when he was
Paying the Full Penalty - for OUR Sins on the Cross**

He was **opening a new and life-giving way –
into the Most Holy Presence of God**

But – **the writer of Hebrews isn't finished – HE continues in**

Hebrews 10:21–22 (NLT)

21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house,

22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. (Meaning - we have been made righteous - THRU Jesus Christ)

The **VEIL** being **TORN** (from above)
is **God's Dramatic PROOF**

**That – By Faith in the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ
For OUR Salvation**

We **can GO - Right** into the **very presence** of **God**
STANDING IN the **Righteousness** of **Jesus** Christ

But – **there** is still **one more DRAMATIC PROOF**

That **God wants** to **send** us a **CLEAR MESSAGE** on

& this one is THE BEST OF ALL

Back in Matthew 27:51(b)-53 (NLT)

*51 . . . The earth shook, rocks split apart,
52 and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women
who had died were raised from the dead.
53 They left the cemetery after Jesus' resurrection, went into the
holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people.*

THIS - is **SO AWESOME!!!**

If God wanted to **send** a **Message**

that the **DEATH** of **Jesus Christ**
would **bring RESURRECTION** from **the Dead**

Then THIS would be **the BEST WAY**

For **God** to send **THAT message**

The MINUTE Jesus cried - **IT IS FINISHED**
& **Yielded up his spirit**

A **WHOLE BUNCH** of **God-Fearing PEOPLE**
Were **RESURRECTED** – **BACK to LIFE**

& they **Came out** of **their Graves**

& **Headed straight** into **Jerusalem**
to **See** some **OLD FRIENDS**

The Miraculous DARKNESS – that **fell earlier**

PROVED the **Darkness** of **OUR Sin** - was **falling** on **Jesus**

The Miraculous TEARING of the **Veil** in the **Temple**

PROVED we can **come Directly** into the **Presence of God**

The Miraculous RESURRECTION of the **Dead**

PROVES – that **WE** will **ALSO be Resurrected** form the **Dead**

YES – Our **SIN FELL** on **Jesus**

& **it was** a **DARK** & **Horrific experience** for the **Son of God**

BUT – **ON** the **Cross**

Jesus WON the **VICTORY OVER our Sin**

AND – **ON** the **Cross** - **Jesus** made **a way**

for **us** to **come boldly** into the **Presence of God**

AND – **ON** the **Cross**

Jesus **BEAT DEATH** & **the GRAVE**

PROVING that **“IN CHRIST”**

we will ALSO - **BEAT DEATH** & the **GRAVE**

The **Roman Centurion** – who **was in charge**

of the **entire Crucifixion Process** –

He **DIDN'T NEED** – **ANY More Evidence**

Back in Mark 15:39 – to finish (NLT)

39 When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, “This man truly was the Son of God!”

Jesus Said – in John 12:32 (NLT)

32 And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”

Does the Cross of Jesus Christ –

DRAW YOU TO HIM?

OR - Have you gotten SO Messed up

With **RELIGION** - & **OPINIONS** & Your **OWN IDEAS**

That **maybe** you’ve **MISSED**

The **Life-Transforming POWER** of **The Cross**

If you will APPROACH the CROSS

& **Truly LOOK** to **Jesus**

**Then – He has PROMISED – that He will DRAW You
TO Himself –**

& **He will DRAW you**

TO Salvation in His Name

Let’s Pray